

HOUSE BILL 2459

By McDaniel

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, to authorize the issuance of special license plates for members of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new appropriately designated section:

55-4-2__.

(a) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state and who is certified as a member in good standing of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided for in § 55-4-203, shall be issued a United States Coast Guard Auxiliary special purpose license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b) The application for such plates shall be accompanied by a written statement from the commanding officer of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary certifying the applicant to be a member in good standing of such organization.

(c) The special purpose license plates provided for in this section shall bear the official seal of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and shall bear the language "U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY" in an appropriate design. Such plates shall be designed in consultation with the commanding officer of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

(d)(1) Within thirty (30) days of terminating membership in the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, a motor vehicle owner or lessee to whom a license plate has been issued pursuant to this section shall surrender such plate to the county clerk of the county of the applicant's residence.

(2) The commanding officer of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary shall provide biannually to the department the names and addresses of all persons whose membership in the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary has been terminated during such period, together with such other identifying information as the commissioner may require.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(1), is amended by adding the following language as a new appropriately designated subdivision:

() United States Coast Guard Auxiliary;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(a)(4), is amended by adding the following language as a new appropriately designated subdivision:

() United States Coast Guard Auxiliary -- regular fee applicable to the vehicle and a fee proportionately equal to the cost of actually designing and manufacturing such plates to ensure that the issuance of such plates is revenue neutral; provided, that such fee shall only be applicable upon initial issuance or re-issuance of the plates provided for in this section and shall not be applicable at the time of renewal.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.